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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 3773**

PATENT

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Marc O. SCHURR et al.

Application No.: 09/957,451

Filed: September 21, 2001

For: METHODS AND DEVICES FOR
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

This reply to the final Office Action is being filed within two months of the mailing of the action on September 9, 2008. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicant proposes amending the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks follow the amendment section of this paper.

Attachments include a copy of a Form PTO 1449 filed with an Information Disclosure Statement on August 9, 2002 and a copy of a Form PTO 1449 filed with an Information Disclosure Statement on September 26, 2002.